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SUBJECT: EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE -UNIVERSITY SERVICES CENTER  
SPONSORED BY ACLS WITH FINANCIAL SUPPORT COMING PRIMARILY FROM FOUNDATIONS AND THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES (NEH), THE UNIVERSITY SERVICES CENTER (USC) IN HONG KONG IS FACING SERIOUS FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES. IF A PENDING APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM NEH IS NOT APPROVED, THS USC DIRECTOR SAYS THEY MAY BE FORCED TO CLOSE. THE CONGEN VIEWS THIS SITUATION WITH CONCERN. CLOSING OF USC WOULD REDUCE GREATLY THE USEFULNESS OF HONG KONG AS A BASE FOR FOREIGN SCHOLARS TO PURSUE RESEARCH AND STUDY OF CHINA. IT COULD ALSO INCREASE CONSIDERABLY THE WORKLOAD OF THE CAOS OFFICE.

THE VALUE OF USC HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY THE AMERICAN ACADEMIC COMMUNITY. IN NOVEMBER OF 1973 THE CONFERENCE ON PRIORITIES FOR FUNDING AND DEVELOPMENT OF CHINESE STUDIES, HELD IN NEW YORK ON THE INITIATIVE OF ACLS AND SSRC, DECIDED THAT USC, AS ONE OF THREE FACILITIES CREATED TO SERVE THE FIELD OF CHINESE STUDIES NATIONALLY, SHOULD BE GIVEN A HIGH PRIORITY FOR CONTINUATION. IN EXISTENCE FOR APPROXIMATELY 11 YEARS, USC PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING SERVICES FOR MANY FOREIGN SCHOLARS, MOSTLY AMERICANS: VISA SPONSORSHIP, WORKING SPACE, A LIBRARY OF BASIC REFERENCE WORKS AND PERIODICALS, ACCESS TO MATERIALS AT THE UNION RESEARCH INSTITUTE, LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS, SECRETARIAL AND OFFICE FACILITIES FOR APPOINTMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE, COPYING SERVICE, AND ACADEMIC ADVICE

ACCORDING TO THE USC DIRECTOR, NEITHER OF THE TWO UNIVERSITIES IN HONG KONG IS WILLING TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES NOW PROVIDED BY USC. FUNDED BY THE GOVERNMENT, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE UNIVERSITIES TO JUSTIFY PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR FOREIGN SCHOLARS. THE STUDY OF UNCLASSIFIED

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MODERN CHINA ALSO INVOLVES POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES THAT THEY CANNOT

OVERLOOK.

THE POST SUGGESTS THAT CU DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH NEH IF  
CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE.

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